

DWP: "All three on the same spot?"

LLR: "Yes. Lightning hit two of 'em and another one I don't know my father always figured there was some man who came there and wanted a job...and stood there talkin to him [FEL] and he didn't need any more men so he told him he didn't want him and he was smoking a cigarette and he [FEL] always figured that that's what set that one afire...because it was right where he was talking to him and then with the sawdust in there... The other two I think were struck with lightning."

20. LLR: "In the house that Theron and Mary Emma lived after they were married there was a well...the kind with a pump on it...right in the kitchen."

21. LLR:

"Grandpa Loomis [Hiram Pease Loomis] had a brother, Erastus W. Loomis, who was quite a wealthy old man. He used to sew and cook and everything. He had very expensive silverware and all that... I think, I don't know whether your mother has it or not, but he had a lot of silver and it was marked EWL on it. It was old... what they call coin silver, and my grandmother divided 'em up. Ora had some and Edna had some. It's very thin silver. Now whether your mother has some or not, I don't know, but Ora had some... And if he [Erastus W.] liked anybody real well he'd go out and buy 'em a gold watch. He was that kind of a man. If he took a fancy to them and if they did some favors for him..."

22. SRP: "What did they sell in the general store?"

LLR:

"I think most everything. I know I now have in the house some lace on a cardboard that was originally from the old store in Aldenville [lace that was sold in the store]... and I had a piece and before Edna died I cut off a piece of it and sent it to her. It's in good condition...only that's it's yellowed. It was white but now it's sort of an ecru color...but it's really from that store... After the Aldenville store, he had the store by the house there for a little while [the building is shown in photograph #74 Homestead Photograph Archive]. I don't think for long. Later on we had a maple syrup evaporator in there... in the same store. It was a store with shelves on all sides where he used to keep his stuff."